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Application of: Ruddy et al.

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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 27, 1998, be extended for a period of four (4) month(s) from April 26, 1998 to and including August 26, 1998.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$755.00. Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date <u>August 7, 1998</u>

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